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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12397-edited.doc).

Title: Symptomatic pneumatosis intestinalis (including portal venous gas) after laparoscopic total colectomy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) re reviewer **00058510**, ***we have deleted the sentence indicated from the introduction of the article and agree that it is much clearer now, thank you.***

(2) re reviewer **00042958**, the first patient underwent his surgery within 48 hours of admission having had the plain radiogram on the day of admission and these facts are now clearly stated in the text. Its true that the drop in Hb proved only transient and there was no evidence of blood on the CT or active bleeding cliiically. In fact his Hb level imporved spontaneously and so this was likely spurious and therefore this sentence has now been deleted. Yes both receievd emipir antibiotic therapy to cover potential bacterial translocation and again this is now clearly stated in the text. Thank you for your very careful review.

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We would also very much like to thank reviewers **00074724** and **00227388** who requested no specific ammendments.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal*.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronan Cahill', with a stylized, cursive script.

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